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If you want to be sure of getting a car

People who want Ford Cars for spring delivery had better get their orders in as quickly as possible.

The demand for Fords is large and it is anticipated that it is going to be hard to get deliveries later.

I have already orders for 46 cars, 26 of which have been delivered the others are to be delivered about April 1st.

Do not delay, if you want a car, but get your order in at once and protect yourself against disappointment.

GEO. BURKE, Frederic

THIRD ANNUAL K. OF P. PARTY

ONE OF PRETTIEST EVER HELD IN GRAYLING.

About 175 Couples Present. Uniform Rank Drill a Feature.

The third annual party of Grayling Lodge Knights of Pythias was held at the school auditorium last evening and proved to be one of the finest and most enjoyable ever given in the city.

There were about 175 couples present and many extra ladies. About 500 invitations had been issued and acceptances came from many outside of Grayling as well as at home.

Guests began arriving at about 8:00 o'clock. At about 8:30 there was an inspection of and exhibition drill by Grayling Company Uniform rank.

General Kyes and Col. Tooker of Lansing, grand officers, who were present last year, were here again at this party. After official inspection of the company by the latter gentlemen, a very pretty drill was presented, many of the movements winning hearty applause. This was under direction of Capt. W. M. Case and Lieutenants Marius Hanson and Einar Rasmussen.

This was followed by dancing, Russo's orchestra of Saginaw, opening the party by playing a one-step. A pleasant feature occurred just before the drill that is not generally known by those present, when Gen. Kyes, on behalf of the members of Grayling company, presented Capt. Case with a fine, solid gold Pythian signet ring. Of course this was a surprise to the Captain and he cordially thanked the members and said he hoped it wouldn't make him forget himself during the drill.

The ball-room decorations were simple but pretty. Suspended from the center of the room were seventeen lines of green, rope festoons, upon which were suspended at intervals hundreds of red imitation carnations. The balcony was trimmed with the same material, running in graceful drapes along the front edges. About a dozen Pythian emblems finished the balcony decorations. The orchestra was stationed upon a platform enclosed with lattice work, with pretty posts for corners; the platform was mounted by three steps. All of these were of white enamel. The lattice was entwined with smilax. In one corner of the room was a booth where delicious punch was served through the evening.

Refreshments were served beginning at about 11:00 o'clock. There were delicious little bun sandwiches, cake, brick cream with the letters K P frozen in pink in the center, and coffee.

The party lasted until about 3:30 a. m. and at the finish it seemed as tho the crowd was nearly as large as it was earlier in the evening. There were guests present from Gaylord, Cheboygan, Frederic, Roscommon, West Branch, Saginaw, Bay City, Detroit, Flint and many other places.

This was the third annual ball of this lodge and their parties have increased in favor and popularity each time. The members try to do everything possible to make the event enjoyable to all who attend by providing good music, pretty surroundings and last, but not least, pleasant and agreeable guests.

The committees who planned and did the work of putting on the party deserve much credit for their efforts. J. Fred Alexander was chairman of the executive committee and is deserving of our highest appreciation for the success of the party. Many of the wives of the members assisted in the work of preparing the supper.

Among the out-of-town guests other than those mentioned elsewhere, who were in attendance at the K. of P. ball were the Misses Ada Ryan and Margaret Martin of Sebawing; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McGilivray, Misses McClellan, Ruth Anderson, Cecil LaRue, Lovica Simms, Marie Heffey and Mr. F. O. Rockwell all of Bay City; the

Misses Jackson and Miss Laura Neilson of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson, R. E. Billmeyer and Wilford Cohen all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chalker and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chalker of Waterford; Messrs Gronu and Buckingham of Ludington; Messrs Reichert, George Smith, Joseph Lally and Isadore Blumenthal of West Branch; Miss Maude Vansyde of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Vera Cameron of Frederic; Miss Rose Dufour of Detroit; George Paschall of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guggisberg, Mr. and Mrs. Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Small, Supt. and Mrs. Keyworth, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Ford, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Knapp, Miss Hazel Durfee and Mr. Dewey Durfee all of Gaylord; Miss Irene Scraftford of Gladwin.

RAPID SHOE REPAIR SHOP.

E. J. Olson Opens for Business with Fine Equipment.

For several weeks past machinery has been arriving for the new shoe repair shop that was opened by E. J. Olson last week for business. The various parts seemed to come in installments, but now, Mr. Olson says, the plant is complete and doing business.

This is located next door to the Central Drug store, Mr. A. A. Cummins of the Soo, arrived Monday to take charge of the mechanical work. During his ten years' experience, Mr. Cummins says he never saw a more complete and up-to-date equipped shoe and harness repair shop in Michigan.

There is an automatic nailer which fastens on a tap or heel almost quicker than one can tell about it, and every nail is perfectly clinched. There are automatic finishers, buffers, polishers, a shoe and harness stitcher, a Singer patching machine and a number of other machines.

Mr. Olson says that they are using the very best grades of leather and other materials in their work and are prepared to furnish wear-and-water-proof soles. They carry a line of all kinds of rubber heels and also the well known Neolin soles and heels combined. These latter are much like rubber but have not the discomfort of rubber.

Another feature that they are specializing in, is putting new rubber bottoms onto leather tops. This will be appreciated by woodmen and other out-door workers. Quick service and first class work is what this firm is boasting of and they claim that with their present equipment one man can do the work of ten men by hand. We call our readers' attention to their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Mrs. Levi Abbott Died.

After several weeks of hopeless struggle, Mrs. Mattie Abbott passed quietly away at Mercy hospital last Sunday morning. Tuberculosis of the lungs, from which she had been suffering for the past three years ended her life on earth. About three months ago, she became very ill at her home, and so that she might receive proper care, on December 27, was removed to Mercy hospital, where from the deadly disease, she failed very rapidly, and Sunday morning death ended her intense sufferings. During her illness she was very patient and tried to look on the bright side of everything and Saturday at midnight when she knew the end was near called her husband and children to her bedside, that she might bid them farewell.

Mrs. Abbott was a Christian woman, and a very kind mother and a kind and obliging neighbor, and was liked by all who knew her. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living, to mourn her untimely death, as she was only 38 years of age. Four of the children are very young and just at this time need a mother's care and much pity is felt for them. Her husband, Levi Abbott survives, and the eight children, are Dujoy, Erwin, Lula, Edith, Cecil, Joy, Earl and Alta.

The remains were taken from the Sorenson Brothers' undertaking parlors to Rose City for burial, Tuesday morning, the former home of the family.

Card of Thanks.

It is with heartfelt thanks, that we wish to extend our appreciation to those, who lent their kind assistance to us during the illness and death of our fond mother.

The Abbott children.

Notice of Election.

To the qualified electors of the County of Crawford:
NOTICE is hereby given that a general primary election will be held in the several voting precincts of this County on Wednesday, the seventh of March, 1917 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Circuit Judge of the 34th Judicial circuit, for all political parties; as prescribed by act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1909.

In witness whereof I have hereto affixed my signature at Grayling, this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred seventeen.
2-15 W. H. Cody,
Sheriff of Crawford County.

School Notes

High school play Friday, Feb. 23.

Russell Lewis, a member of the senior class, is absent this week because of illness.

The date for the Byron W. King lecture, that was postponed, has been set for Monday, March 12.

The entire A class of the second grade passed into the third B.

Olga Nielson of the fifth grade was perfect in spelling for the whole semester.

Elva Stoner has reentered the sixth grade after an absence of several months.

The second grade pupils are patiently waiting for appropriate weather for a sleigh ride.

The thought for the month in the first grade is patriotism. This week they have the flag, songs, poems and stories of Lincoln.

Our basketball teams are to play at West Branch tomorrow night. The Frederic teams are to play here next week. We hope to be able to arrange a later date with Cadillac.

Peaceful waters are attractive to sailors. A peaceful and industrious school is a community's best investment.

Zero weather, the blizzard and belated trains all contributed to ward the small attendance at the lecture given by Prof. Davis last Saturday evening. His subject, "Adolescence," was very aptly presented. The audience was well pleased and felt well repaid for their attendance.

A Business Prayer.

In Springfield, Mass., can be found on one of the business houses the following prayer, on the side of the building. The house has no other sign or name but just those words:

A BUSINESS PRAYER.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have not paid.

Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and in earning it I may not stick my gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of untidy skirts; blind me to the faults of the other fellow but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dining table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children, and when comes the smell of flowers, the tread of soft steps, the crunching of wheels in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a Man."

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also, graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

Just Arriving

We are just receiving our new lines of

GINGHAMS

PERCALES and

WASH GOODS

Many of these have already been placed on sale, and we cordially invite you to call and inspect the handsome new patterns.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store



Our Model Bread

Using as we do only the best ingredients put together by expert workmen and baked in perfect ovens, why should we not turn out an absolutely splendid loaf?

We take no chances; each day's flour is carefully inspected, the ovens, mixing machinery, rooms, etc., have to undergo a thorough examination. That's the sort of protection the public appreciates.

Model Bakery and Grocery

THE HOME OF PURITY AND QUALITY

Our Advertising Columns Are the Merchant's Show Windows

Call Their Bluff!

The first time you hear anyone say "Michigan flour is all right for pastry but it won't bake good bread" just tell them to guess again. Anyone making so silly a statement is either bluffing or betraying a lot of ignorance.

Call their bluff, quick! We have been making flour for more than thirty years and during that time have tested practically every variety of wheat grown in the United States.

It is our business to know what wheat makes good flour and what wheat doesn't, and we do know.

Furthermore, we use only the very best as our success depends upon the quality of the flour we make and the satisfaction it gives you and others.

Lily White

"The Flour the Best Cooks Use"

is made principally from Michigan wheat because Michigan wheat is the best flavored wheat grown in America.

Thousands upon thousands of the best cooks in the land are daily baking the most delicious bread, as well as pastries, from Lily White Flour.

Every one of our dealers is instructed to sell Lily White Flour on the guarantee you will like it better for both bread and pastry baking or your money to be returned in full.

There is an enviable reputation of thirty years' standing and an investment of more than one million dollars behind this guarantee.

Anyhow the use of Lily White Flour will convince you of its superiority.

VALLEY CITY-MILLING CO.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.



War Brides

A story of greater tragedy than those of the trenches, featuring the great

RUSSIAN TRAGEDIENNE, NAZIMOVA

This is one of the Greatest Photo Dramas that has ever been booked in Grayling and is a guaranteed production. Do not miss seeing it.

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15th and 16th

Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents

Reserved seats on sale at Central Drug Store

GRAYLING'S
QUALITY
STORE

TO CELEBRATE
OUR

Date of Sale
Feb. 10th to 20th
Inclusive

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

This store is now celebrating its fifteenth anniversary of successful merchandising. Yet it is more youthful and more "up and doing" than ever. Each year we are doing a larger volume of business, for which achievement we are very proud. Better values, better service and the same high quality that has characterized this store for honest business methods.

**This Stirring Anniversary Sale Commences Saturday February 10th
and Continues for TEN DAYS**

These Prices Will Make You Take Notice

Best Grade of Sheetings

9-4 sheeting, bleached or half bleached,	35c
45-inch tubing	19c
42-inch tubing	17c
Lonsdale cotton	12½c
Lonsdale cambric, Nansook finish,	18c
Berkeley 60 cambric	14c
Lonsdale cambric	18c
15c bleached cotton	11c
Unbleached cotton, Black Rock, best grade,	12c
14c unbleached cotton	10½c

We have a big supply of the above cottons and urge you to lay in a supply as these prices are in some instances lower than the market price.

Heavy Outings in White and Colored

12½c values for	9½c
15c white outings	11c
10c white outings	8c

New Spring Gingham

Amoskey quality, actually worth 15c, our regular price 12½c, on sale at	10½c
Apron gingham, Amoskey quality, on sale at	10c
Percales, best quality, 36-inches wide,	12½c
10c flannelette	7½c
15c flannelette	12c
25c scrims and Voiles	19c
35c curtain scrims	26c

All the new colors in Taffeta, Messalines, Crepe de Chene and Georgette Crepe are here.

A remarkable sale of all ladies' and children's coats Final clearance price 1-3 off

ONE-HALF OFF on Ladies' Trimmed Hats—ONE-HALF OFF

Ladies' Serge Dresses, values up to \$15.00, to close out at, each **\$5.00**

Bath Towels and Hose

10 dozen large bath towels, a good value for	50c
Ladies' black or tan silk hose, all sizes,	39c
Ladies' black or tan silk hose, all sizes,	25c
All fleeced or wool hose, 35c values for	29c
25c values for	21c

EXTRA! EXTRA!

20 Ladies' Suits, good styles, values \$18 to \$25, now on sale at **\$13.50**

Flannel Gowns

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Flannel Gowns—Reduced	
50c gowns - 42c	75c gowns - 59c
\$1.00 gowns	79c

Men's Heavy Work Pants

\$3.00 grade for \$2.35	\$2.50 grade for \$1.95
75c yarn gloves for men, black or gray, at 59c	

We want every reader of this page to carefully note these prices. They are worthy of your consideration and we do not actually think you can duplicate them in the city at any time this year.

Terms of Sale are CASH ONLY

Union Suits

We have a large selection of ladies' and childrens' union suits	
75c values for 59c	\$1.25 values for 98c
\$1.00 values for 79c	1.50 values for 1.20

ONE-FOURTH OFF on ladies' and childrens' felt slippers and shoes

ONE-THIRD OFF on all ladies' skirts

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all men's suits and overcoats (Styleplus \$17.00 excepted)

20 PER CENT OFF on all men's and boys' mackinaws and work coats

Knit Toques, Bootees, Bonnets and Infants' Sweaters all specially priced at one-fourth off

Anniversary Sale of Blankets

75 pair to close at following prices. Get what you need for next winter.	
\$1.75 blankets for	\$1.29
1.50 blankets for	1.15
1.25 blankets for	.98
.85 blankets for	.75

Heavy Gray Flannel Shirts

We just received 10 dozen men's heavy gray heavy flannel shirts, regular 2.00 values, on sale for	\$1.49
1.25 gray flannel shirts for	.95

Men's Leather Mittens

Either lined or unlined, 75c quality for	62c
Men's heavy cotton sweaters, shawl collar	59c

Men's Wool Sox

We have 20 dozen men's gray wool mixed sox, it's a regular 25c value for	19c
Men's 50c heavy wool sox for	39c
Men's 25c wool sox	21c

ONE-FOURTH OFF on any Boys' or girls' Sweaters

Men's Underwear

Men's heavy fleeced or ribbed underwear on sale at	42c
We advise you to get your next winter needs at this price.	

Reductions in Men's Union Suits

\$1.25 suits for \$.98	\$2.50 suits for \$1.95
1.50 suits for 1.15	3.00 suits for 2.39
\$4.00 suits for	\$3.25

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Local News

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Next Wednesday, February 14th is St. Valentine's Day.

Thomas Cassidy is improving steadily at Mercy hospital.

Valentines now on display. Give us a call.

Mrs. Albert Kraus and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus left this afternoon for a few days' visit in Detroit.

Andrew Brown of Frederic, had his arm badly bruised while at work at the Big mill here last Tuesday.

Stanley-Jesley came home from Notre Dame college for the K. of P. ball and is spending a few days with his parents.

Miss Helen Kirk of Ypsilanti has been a guest of Miss Lucille Hanson the past few days, coming to attend the K. of P. ball.

Mayor Hans Petersen is attending the Auto show in Bay City this week. As is also J. C. Foreman, John Reysen and Sheriff Cody.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kraus entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witter of Saginaw over the K. of P. ball.

Next Sunday evening, at the Opera house "A Tortured Heart" will be presented. This production features Virginia Pearson and tells the story of the evils of village gossip. Don't fail to see it.

The Ladies' Altar society of St. Mary's church will meet at the parsonage next week, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15. Mrs. John Cuthbertson and Mrs. Alex Lagrow will entertain. All the ladies of the parish are kindly invited to attend.

There will be a dancing party at Temple theatre Tuesday evening, Feb. 20. You are cordially invited to attend. Clark's four-piece orchestra will furnish the music. This will be the last party before the Lenten season. Admission 75 cents per couple.

G. A. Wilbur and family have moved to Lansing where the former will associate himself with Spencer Melstrom in the lumber business. Mr. Wilbur was head foreman for R. Hanson & Sons and is competent and reliable and will be a valuable partner in the lumber firm. He and his family left here Feb. 1. Fred Martin will take the position left vacant at T-town by Mr. Wilbur.

Hans Peterson, the clerk at Sorenson Brothers, was dismissed Tuesday from Mercy hospital, after being there a week with a slight attack of pneumonia. He expects to resume his work next Monday.

McGuire DuPre has been around town paying up all his accounts, for he says that when his family leaves he don't want to owe a single dollar in Grayling. Wouldn't it be fine if everybody would do likewise. Mr. DuPre has purchased a cement block business in Bay City and will move there Monday. They have lived in Grayling 26 years and will always cherish with fond memory their residence here.

The ladies, who have been enjoying Wednesday afternoons at the Moose club, yesterday afternoon formed an organization, and the following officers were chosen: Pres.—Mrs. Hans Peterson; vice Pres.—Mrs. Wm. T. Hammond; secretary, Mrs. Charles Schreck; treasurer, Mrs. Efner Matson. A name also was chosen for the organization, and it will be known henceforth as the "Ladies' Mooseheart club," and they will meet on Wednesday afternoon of each week.

A. L. Foster, who has been in charge of the operating department of the Grayling du Pont plant since its beginning about two years ago, has resigned as superintendent and will leave about Mar. 1. C. M. Morfit of Wilmington, Del., arrived Tuesday to succeed Mr. Foster. Mr. Morfit has been with the construction engineering department and was here last spring to look after the construction work during the illness of Mr. Brendlinger. He made many friends in Grayling while here, thus will not be an entire stranger among us.

Notice.
We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25c extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

W. H. Smith and Wife Spending Winter in West.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 20, 1917.

Dear Comrade:
Here we are in "Sunny California" and haven't seen the sun but once in two weeks. I got here January 2nd and Mrs. Smith got here from "Moran Hill," up near San Francisco, where she had been visiting her three sisters, a few days later. We spent our "Honey Moon" at the hotel where I was stopping down in the city, but later we secured apartments fitted up for light house keeping at 1286 West Jefferson Ave. Double track right down to Broadway, the center of business so we are quite comfortably fixed. We have to depend on an oil stove for heat and a gas range for cooking. We had pancakes and bacon, buns and fried cakes with coffee for breakfast.

The city is surrounded with chicken farms, both large and small. I visited one where they have 3000 white Leghorns, and yet eggs retail up around 50 cents a dozen, storage 45 cents.

Mrs. Smith feels some better than when she came over, but can't stand much sight-seeing—tires very easily and so do I for that matter. I am not feeling near as well as when I left Michigan. At New Orleans the weather was warm like late spring in Michigan; frogs peeping in the water holes of which there are many on the side streets. I changed for light underwear, but before I got to Houston, Texas, it was quite cool again. I caught a cold and haven't got over it yet. I think we have both got the "California Grip" and it's no improvement on the Michigan variety. We cough and cough, and then cough some more.

Los Angeles is certainly some city with its many suburbs on all sides. They claim to have one million population. It's a much finer city than I had expected to find. Electric cars on all the principal streets, good service in all directions by two competing lines, while the "Pacific Electric," corresponding to our Interurban lines in Michigan, furnish the best and quickest transportation to all the outlying districts and small cities located in all directions, for which Los Angeles is now the center, and I think always will be.

The United States government has built a harbor at San Pedro, on the coast, about 10 miles I think, claimed to be one of the best and safest harbors on this coast, with government owned docks, while in most harbors, San Francisco for instance, the docks are owned by corporations, usually the railroads, making it more expensive for ship owners and others using them and further this harbor requires no "tug service," no bar requiring the service of a pilot, a big saving to vessel owners.

It has been snowing up in the mountains and raining in the valleys in Southern California since New Year. It has rained some days hard, but most of the time a fine drizzle, with occasional sunshine. Its just the kind of weather the farmers and orchardists like, as it keeps off the frost and insures an abundant crop, with little irrigation the coming season. I find that one needs as warm clothing here in the winter as he does in Michigan. The cold air is so damp and penetrating.

I meet lots of comrades here. One that I met in a restaurant yesterday was with us in the 5th corps, Army of the Potomac, the Pennsylvania Reserve. He gave me his card and urged me to be sure and call on him at home.

Between New Orleans and Houston I passed "Hanson City" owned by Rasmus Hanson of Grayling. As the train only stopped a few minutes I had no opportunity to see the mills and piles of lumber. I saw rows of neatly painted cottages, an air of thrift and comfort was evident on all sides.

On the way over I travelled very little nights. I spent my first Sunday on the road at Chattanooga, Tenn. I visited the battle grounds on Look Out mountain and Missionary Ridge and was there two nights. The weather was fine, like early fall in Michigan. Then I spent one day and two nights at New Orleans; one day and night at Houston, Texas; one day and night at San Antonio, visited the "Alamo," a very interesting ruin, where Colonel Bowil and his brave men were massacred by the Mexicans, under General Santa Anna.

But at El Paso I spent my second Sunday, on the road, with the Michigan troops, and how I did enjoy it. One company in the 33rd regiment is from Cheboygan; also Colonel Boucher. I had met many of them at Grayling and they gave me a soldier's welcome. The 31st regiment left El Paso for home, Fort Wayne, I think the day I was there. The remaining Michigan regiments turned out to say goodbye and a safe journey home. You should have heard the cheering and "Michigan, My Michigan" played by the bands and sung by all three regiments. It took me back to the days when you and I wore Uncle Sam's uniform.

From El Paso it takes one whole day and a night to reach here.

At some later date perhaps I will be able to tell you more about this wonderful country. As yet I am not fully convinced that it is really a better country to life in than Michigan. I am still of the opinion that Michigan is good enough for me and to part for all time with my old friends and comrades in "North-East Michigan" would adden my few remaining years on earth.

Fraternally yours, Wm. H. Smith.

ANOTHER GRAYLING CASE.

It Proves That There's a Way Out for Many Suffering Grayling Folks.

Just another report of a case in Grayling. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Grayling with Doan's Kidney Pills.

J. D. Thompson, M. & N.E.R.R. station agent, Lake St., Grayling, says: "Whenever colds have settled on my kidneys, my back has been weak and lame and I have had a steady ache thru the small of it. A few boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I get at Olson's Drug store, have never failed to cure an attack of this complaint in short order. I can also recommend Doan's Kidney Pills highly for children with weak kidneys."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Thompson recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

adv.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who gave their assistance and sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother.

A. W. HARRINGTON, and children.

Your Last Chance.

Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a McCall dress pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged McCall's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and 75 cents a year—so that the offer at the above price must be withdrawn.

Until March 31 our readers have the privilege of ordering both publications for a full year, including the choice of any 15 cent McCall dress pattern, for only \$2.10.

The amount of reading, information and entertainment contained in the fifty-two issues of The Youth's Companion and the value of twelve monthly fashion numbers of McCall's at \$2.40 offer a real bargain to every reader of this paper.

This two-at-one-price offer includes:

1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues.
2. The Companion Home Calendar for 1917.
3. McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers.
4. One 15-cent McCall dress pattern—your choice from your first copy of McCall's—if you send a two-cent stamp with your selection.

The Youth's Companion.

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Michigan's Leading Insurance Company

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE OLD

Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company

OF DETROIT

Michigan Mutual Life Building 150 Jefferson Avenue

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1916

ASSETS

Cash on deposit in banks	\$ 271,745.97
First mortgage loans on real estate	10,236,182.14
Real Estate (Home Office building)	100,000.00
Loans to policy holders secured by reserves	1,898,995.38
Bonds, cash value	25,000.00
Loans on collateral	1,800.00
Interest due and accrued	176,212.50
Net outstanding and deferred premiums secured by reserves	146,266.14
Due from other companies	2,805.83
	\$12,859,010.93

LIABILITIES

Reserve fund, including disability benefits (computed by the Michigan Insurance Dept.)	\$11,504,937.21
Premiums, interest and rents paid in advance	32,832.64
Installment policy claims not yet due	29,364.04
All other policy claims	70,791.11
Reserved for taxes and other items payable in 1917	38,828.86
Surplus fund	1,182,237.07
	\$12,859,010.93

Insurance written in Michigan during 1916	3,977,600.00
Total amount of insurance in force December 31, 1916	55,289,878.37
During the year 1916 the Company	
Paid death claims amounting to	586,489.14
Paid to living policy holders	676,556.03

Total amount paid to policy holders in one year	1,263,045.19
Total amount paid to policy holders since the organization of the Company	27,317,495.34
Total amount paid to policy holders since organization plus the amount now held for their benefit	38,822,432.55

A record of actual results which speaks for itself.

Attention is invited to the high character of the assets of the Michigan Mutual, which is unsurpassed by any Insurance Company in the United States.

All the policies written by the Michigan Mutual are approved by the Commissioner of Insurance of Michigan; all its policies contain the Standard Provisions required by the laws of the States in which it operates, and all the obligations of its policy contracts are guaranteed and secured by carefully invested assets of over \$12,850,000.00, including a surplus fund of over \$1,182,000.00.

The definite policy contracts issued by this Company appeal to all who are looking for absolute protection and investment in life insurance at the lowest rates permitted by the standard and legalized tables of mortality.

The Michigan Mutual Has Some Lucrative Field Positions Open for Men of Integrity and Ability

O. R. LOOKER, President J. J. MOONEY, Third Vice-President and Supt. of Agents

A. F. MOORE, Secretary W. B. MARSHUTZ, Supervisor of Agencies for Michigan

Republican County Convention.

To the Republican electors of Crawford County:

A county convention of the Republicans of Crawford county is hereby called to meet at the Court house in the Village of Grayling in said county on Saturday the 17th day of February 1917, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing 2 delegates to the Republican State convention, to be held in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday the 20th day of February 1917, and for to transact such other business that properly may come before said convention.

The several townships are entitled to the number of delegates as follows:

- Beaver Creek—2
- Frederic—4
- Grayling—11
- Lovells—1
- Maple Forest—2
- South Branch—1

Dated February 6, 1917.

By order of the Republican County committee.

M. A. Bates,

Chairman.

John J. Niederer,

Secretary.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh medicine is taken internally, and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75 cents.

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

ASK THE COOK SHE KNOWS

The sure way to keep a GOOD cook is to furnish her something to COOK WITH.

Nothing better pleases her than a perfect stove and utensils.

The perfection of utility and comfort in cooling is obtained if you install one of our

Famous Steel Ranges

And be sure that a full supply of our elegant granite or aluminum ware goes with it. Come right in and see them. They're beauties.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

Hardware Department

"This is the best Bread you ever made"

"Best, because lightest and whitest, smoothest and sweetest."

"I just added a teaspoonful of HO-MAYDE BREAD IMPROVER to the water in which the yeast was dissolved."

Bread it in the morning with HO-MAYDE BREAD IMPROVER is out of the oven by noon. HO-MAYDE is a wholesome product that accelerates the yeast action. Guaranteed absolutely pure, nutritious and dependable. It complies with the pure food laws.

No sour or chilled bread—no failures—more loaves from the same materials. If your grocer cannot supply you, send 15c for a large package, sufficient for 100 loaves. Write for free sample.

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Grayling Opera House Sunday evening, Feb. 11.

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Hyman Joseph is on the sick list.

Miss Margrethe Bauman has returned home from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Johnson returned last Friday from their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Elf Rasmussen returned last week to her home in Detroit after a three weeks' visit here.

Hathaway just received another big line of watches that he will sell on the dollar a week plan. See him.

Miss Maude Tetu left Tuesday afternoon for Bay City, where she will remain for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt spent several days in Detroit visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr.

Miss Battenfield and Miss Clara Weiss of Riverview visited Miss Margaret Nelson a part of last week.

The Salling, Hanson Co. planing mill shut down last week for a month in order to have some necessary repairs made.

Miss Flora Borchers was absent from Peterson's grocery the first part of the week on account of an attack of la grippe.

The fire eater who habitually carries a chip on his shoulder often finds that he is too insignificant for a real man to even notice.

James Ford, being laid up with a sore foot, arrived Monday from Detroit for a short visit with his grandmother and also friends.

Cameron Game of Game & Burrows meat market spent several days in Chicago, last and this week on business. He returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and little daughter are visiting her parents at Hobart, Mich. Mrs. Sorenson was called there by the illness of her father.

Pastor Aaberg of Dwight, Illinois will lecture at Danebod hall Wednesday evening, February 14th at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Saginaw has been spending the past several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and attended the K. of P. ball last evening.

Mrs. T. Boeson left the fore part of last week for Detroit, to enter Harper hospital to undergo a serious operation. Her many friends will be glad to know that the operation was successful and she is getting along nicely at present.

Tuesday, February 20th, is the last day on which caucuses can be held for the purpose of selecting candidates for various village offices to be voted for on March 12th. This is in compliance with the absent voters' law which requires caucuses to be held 20 days before election. Township caucuses must be held not later than March 13th.

Mrs. Carl Mork is on the sick list.

You are making a big mistake when you neglect your eyes. See Hathaway about it today.

T. Boeson left Sunday night for Detroit to visit his wife, who is a patient at Harper hospital.

You may be next! Why don't you buy some Fire Insurance?

Geo. L. ALEXANDER & SON, Supervisor Frank Love of Beaver Creek, returned home last week from a several days' visit at Owosso.

Ex-trainmaster Lankoy of the Mackinaw division, now of Bay City was in the city on business the fore part of the week.

Frank is about to remodel and paper the interior of his store. Watch for the beautiful up to the minute line for early spring.

Melvin A. Bates has been detained at home for about two weeks by illness. He is able to be out again and is improving nicely.

Peter Rasmussen, foreman in the Salling, Hanson Co. lumber sheds at the planing mill yard, is slowly recovering from an illness of several weeks.

Special ten-day anniversary sale at the Grayling Mercantile Co's, beginning Saturday February 10. See their full page ad elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Oh Ladies, watch for the announcement of the full complete line of ladies' high grade 2 line shoes. No finer line ever shown in Grayling. They will be on display. Frank Dreese.

On January 29th the average depth of snow in the State was 7.49, in the southern counties 4.68, in the central counties 6.98, in the northern counties 12.13 and in the Upper Peninsula 15.79 inches.

Any person having old papers, magazines or paste board to donate to the M. E. Ladies Aid society will please notify Mrs. T. W. Hanson this week. Boy scouts will gather papers up next Saturday.

Mrs. Leo White, who was formerly Miss Lillie McLeod, and who has been visiting her mother here, left last week for Detroit to meet her husband, who was with the 32nd Infantry at El Paso, and during last week were mustered out of service at Ft. Wayne.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Parents and Teachers' association will be held at the school building Thursday evening, February 15, at 7:15 o'clock. All ladies are requested to be present. A donation of ten cents or more of each member is asked, to purchase linen for the use of the school.

Doris Wilson celebrated her birthday by inviting a large number of girls and boys to the W. R. C. hall on Thursday evening. The young people had a fine time playing games, visiting, etc. A fine supper was served which they all enjoyed. Miss Doris was presented with a Kodak from her friends as a token of appreciation for the splendid time she had shown them.

Edward Mason invited a number of his small friends to his home Thursday afternoon to help celebrate his birthday. In the center of the table was a fine cake which shone with six candles, which showed that Edward was reaching the age when he must begin to solve mathematical problems. The little folks had a jolly time and wished their host many happy returns of the day.

Floyd Jones of Sigma was brot to Mercy hospital last Friday suffering with a compound fracture of his right leg. The accident happened while he was at work at Schreurs' camp near Sigma, Thursday Jan. 25. He is in quite a serious condition. The family formerly resided in Grayling for a few years before moving to Sigma, and are quite well known. Mrs. Jones is here at the bedside of her husband.

At a postponed meeting of the stockholders of the Grayling Social club last Saturday evening election of officers and directors was held. A. E. Michelson, who now resides in Detroit, retired as president. The new officers are Ebern Hanson, president; Holger Hanson, vice president; J. Fred Alexander, secretary and treasurer. The remaining members of the board of directors are Dr. Stanley N. Insley, T. W. Hanson, Marius Hanson, Charles Tromble and Henry A. Bauman.

What promises to be one of the most interesting and pleasant features to be presented in the school auditorium this season is the Patriotic program that will be offered under auspices of the Woman's Literary and the Good-fellowship clubs next Monday night.

The program will largely consist of songs, drills and speaking by the children of the school and others. This is going to be a real patriotic evening and an appropriate manner in which to observe Lincoln's birthday. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission.

C. J. Hathaway, optometrist, went to Traverse City Wednesday for the purpose of making a study of the eye conditions among the insane members of the Michigan State hospital, which is located in that city. In his examinations he found that 75% of the inmates were suffering from eye-strain in one form or another. Mr. Hathaway is of the opinion that defective vision and eye-strain are in a large measure responsible for mental breakdowns and feels more firmly convinced than ever before, since his visit to Traverse City, that his theory is correct. He says that he is highly gratified over his trip and that the authorities of the asylum extended to him every courtesy.

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The women's club had a social meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilhelm Raaz Monday Jan. 29. Election of officers was held and the following elected: Pres.—Mrs. J. Atwood Whitaker; Vice Pres.—Mrs. Thorwald Peterson; Sec.—Mrs. A. M. Lewis and Treas.—Mrs. A. J. Joseph. A fine lunch was served.

The Goodfellowship club had election of officers on Monday evening and the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. S. N. Insley; Vice Pres., Mrs. O. P. Schumann; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Chas. Canfield. After the election the hostess, Mrs. Charles Jerome, served lunch which was greatly enjoyed.

At a meeting of the Grayling Opera House company Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Lodge rooms the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Luther Herrick, Eber Matson, Mrs. J. C. Burton, J. C. Burton, Mrs. Bert Ashenfelder, Charles Abbott, Chris Olson, Wilhelm Raaz and Frank Ezeeland.

Mrs. Sarah Maxwell, age 80 years, 3 months and 20 days passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. C. Bennett last Wednesday night, after a severe attack of apoplexy. The Bennett family recently moved here from Lewiston and are occupying the residence formerly occupied by Jeffrey McMahon and family. The remains were taken to Standish Friday for burial the next day.

The members of the Social club enjoyed a dinner dance at their club room last Thursday Jan. 25. The committee had made the dining room look most attractive with Japanese lanterns, parasols and wicker furniture. The waitresses were in Japanese costume which added to the pleasantness of the affair. The club is enjoying these dinners every two weeks and they have been very popular.

The open-winter predictors will have a hard time to make good. From one to fifteen below zero every night and some times the mercury crowded around zero all day. There has been but one thaw since winter set in and that was January 29 and that only settled the snow for better sleighing. Much snow has fallen since that time and are experiencing a period of heavy drifts. Indications point to moderate temperature.

The qualified voters of the Village of Grayling will meet in caucus at the Town hall, Monday night, February 19th at 8:00 o'clock, standard time, for the purpose of nominating village officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. Following is the list of officers to be nominated: one president, one clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, and three trustees for full term.

Village election Monday, March 12. By Order of Village Committee. Dated February 7, 1917. 8-2

Don't Neglect The Kidneys. Do you take a kidney tablet once in while, the same as you do a cathartic? If you don't, you should, because the kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navaun's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

Automobile Owners

Take Notice

Now is the time to get your automobiles painted if they need painting or cleaned and polished to make them look neat and like new.

Prices on painting cars of all makes cheerfully given, according to what you want done in the way of painting, etc. Don't wait until too late in the spring.

Conrad Sorenson

Painter and Decorator

FIND HEART ON RIGHT SIDE, LIVER ON LEFT

Body of William King Described as Left Handed Both Inside and Out.

St. Louis.—The body of William King, which has been preserved for twenty months, is described by an anatomist as "left handed, both inside and out," according to a statement made public at the City hospital.

In May, 1915, King, who was thirty-five years old, applied at the hospital for treatment. He said he was a laborer and had lived most of his life in Wisconsin. He was suffering from typhoid fever.

When asked who should be notified in case of his death King said: "Don't worry about that. Just cut me up and examine my body. There's something wrong with me besides the fever."

He died a few days later. When surgeons made an examination of the body they found one of the most abnormal cases in the history of surgery. The heart was on the right side, the liver on the left; the appendix was on the left side and the spleen on the right. The stomach was turned around completely. On the left lung were three lobes; the right lung had but two. The left kidney was larger and lower than the right one.

DANCE TO WIRELESS

MUSIC MILES AWAY

Phonograph at High Bridge, N. Y., Heard All Over House at Morristown, N. J.

New York.—What was declared to be the world's first wireless dance was held at 29 Morris avenue, Morristown, N. J., the home of Theodore E. Gaty, vice president of the Fidelity and Casualty Insurance company of this city.

His two sons—John P. and Theodore E. Gaty, Jr., the latter home from Cornell for the Christmas holidays—got up a dance and throughout the evening the seven or eight couples who had been invited danced to music that was played on a phonograph in High Bridge at the northern end of Manhattan about forty miles away from Morristown by air line.

Mr. Gaty and his sons are enthusiasts in the science of radio telephony and telegraphy. A friend, P. E. Guley of Montclair, who is a radio engineer, made use of the Loeb Forest auditorium and the sound amplifier invented by Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong of Columbia, the inventions which made transcontinental telephony possible, as well as a wireless telephone message to Honolulu. Mr. Guley, who is only twenty-seven years old, adapted the two devices to amateur use and attached them to a phonograph horn in the Gaty home.

The phonograph that furnished the dance music was played in the High Bridge plant of the De Forest Radio Telegraph and Telegraph company, and the musical sound waves were received by the amateur receiver over Mr. Gaty's house.

When the faint sounds, which, coming from the receiver, could scarcely be detected by the ear, passed through the combined sound amplifiers and then through the megaphone they could be heard all over the house.

FROM MISSOURI TO PANAMA. Bottle Found After Being Six Months Afloat.

Hartsville, Mo.—A list of names which a party of Springfield normal school students sealed in a soda pop bottle which was thrown into the James river at Turner, Mo., last June has been returned in a letter received by Miss Opal Pope of this place, one of the young women whose names were on the list.

The letter was written by a member of the crew of the United States ship Raleigh, which reached San Francisco recently after being stationed off the coast of Panama. The writer said he found the bottle on the beach while in Panama.

WILL AID WEARY HORSES. School Children Plan Farm For Worn-out Hobbies.

Youngstown, O.—Members of the Junior Humane society here have contributed the nucleus of a fund which they will raise to rent or buy a rest farm for worked out horses.

It is planned to have the farm for use next summer. Many school children have pledged support to the fund getting, protect, and sanitar humane workers expect their little associates will succeed in their plans.

BANK INSURES ASSETS FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. New York.—A \$50,000,000 protective insurance policy for twenty-four hours was purchased by the Chatham and Phoenix National bank to cover the transfer of its assets from 192 Broadway to the new offices of the bank in the Singer building, a distance of about a block and a half. About \$16,000,000 in cash was carried to the new quarters in an armored car, with armed guards at the front and rear, and there were guards stationed every fifty feet between the two buildings.

Free Government Seeds. If you desire the usual Government package of vegetable or flower seeds, all that you have to do is to send a postal to your Congressman, Hon. George A. Loud, Washington, D. C., advising him which kind you desire, and with your address very plainly written.

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Are you prepared? Is your family and household prepared with the comforts of wearing apparel and dry goods such as every home deserves?

You will find here just such articles as you require in quantities and qualities as you may desire.

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Richelieu Yellow Free Peaches	Richelieu Clam Chowder
Richelieu Apricots	" Raisins
" Egg Plums	" Rice
" Bartlett Pears	" Washed Figs
" Pine Apple	" Powdered Sugar
" Pumpkin	" Cranberry Sauce
" Spinach	" Jelly
" Tomatoes	" Preserves
" Puree of Tomatoes	" Marmalade
" Lima Beans	" Pearl Onions
" Early June Peas	" Salad Dressing
" Corn	" Maple Syrup
" Red Salmon	" Catsup
" Shrimp	" Prunes

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Having finished my invoice earlier than last season, I have found out a few things earlier. I therefore expect to give you this advantage

So Here Goes

6 Men's Mackinaws, \$6.50 to \$9.85, for \$4.98 and \$7.98.
5 Boys' " 3.69 to 4.85, for 2.85 and 3.85
5 Boys' Overcoats, 3.50 to 4.50, for 1.98—when
4 Men's " 15.00 for 12.45; 12.50 for 9.48
2 " 6.00, military collar, 3.98

I Must Have the Room, See!—Get Me?

45 Ladies' Cloaks, consisting of plush, baby lamb, caracul, corduroy, must release these cloaks, I am putting it mildly, I want the space—must have it at once. Nearly one-half off on most of this line, and good sizes and all late styles, mind you, will make the road easy and a stamper is expected. First come, first served.

Fine Children's Coats, \$2.45—\$3.45.

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Correspondence.

Frederic School Notes.

Clyde McDermald had almost a perfect paper in chemistry test.

If parents and pupils realized that missing even one day will put the pupils back, they would think twice before allowing them to be absent. After staying out a week it is almost impossible for the average pupil to get caught up again. There are a few who can do it—but they are far apart.

Bay City has offered to play our boys' team at basketball but the game has not been scheduled yet.

Nellie Courtney was absent last week.

The public library has been moved into the High school building. It will be open every Monday night. Many new books have been sent for, new magazines have been ordered, and a

good crowd should turn out to enjoy them. The library will also be open from four to five every day for exchange of books.

Many pupils are absent in the lower grades but the attendance of the high school remains remarkably fine.

Mae McDermald and Lottie Forbes have entered the United States history class.

Under Mae McDermald's leadership the school has learned many new songs.

Herman Wilcox of the high school goes to Cheboygan this week to take the civil service examination.

The largest crowd we have ever had turned out to see the Gaylord game. We won by a safe majority in both games and our girls certainly outplayed the Gaylord girls all thru the game.

With the boys it was more of an even fight and was certainly exciting. Gaylord played so fair and well that they received many cheers from Frederic.

This was right and shows Frederic is made up of the right stuff.

Emanuel Abrahams has the whooping cough.

Agriculture is a subject that should be pushed more. We have a large class and Miss Cornish is a good agricultural teacher.

Indian River basketball boys and girls play here this week. There is only one more game scheduled here this year so everyone should turn out to see this game.

Lola Craven started to school again Monday after two weeks absence.

Constance Gardner and Carlyle Brown of the third grade have an average of 80 on their report card for the month of January.

The second grade are interested in learning poems for Washington's birthday.

The sixth grade is progressing very rapidly in practical measurements.

Teddy Callahan and Donald Reynolds received the highest average for the month in the Intermediate room.

The fifth and sixth grades are making a detailed study of George Washington.

The Primary and Intermediate rooms had a Victrola program Monday.

Robert Welch is absent on account of illness.

Lovells.

Mr. Hale and daughter Laura left Saturday for their home in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeamar and two small children of Gladwin arrived here last Tuesday. Mr. Zeamar will be the new foreman for C. W. Keuhl on the ranch.

Our school attendance has been very small the past week as most of the children are compelled to remain at home sick with bad colds.

Judson McCormick returned home Wednesday morning.

The Gleaners held their regular meeting with Companion Douglas last Saturday night. Lunch was served by Mrs. Douglas and the evening well spent by all.

C. F. Underhill left Monday for New York and other places on business.

Newell Underhill is much better and now able to be out and around again.

E. Pierce made a business trip to Grayling last Thursday.

Ralph Clarkson of Grayling visited with old friends in Lovells Tuesday forenoon, returning home on the noon train.

T. E. Douglas returned Saturday from Lansing and Saginaw, where he had spent a few days at the former city attending the Wild Life show.

The little eleven month old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Zeamar was found dead in its bed Friday morning. At about 4:00 o'clock in the morning the little one was cared for by its mother and snugly tucked in its little bed and when they looked to it, on arising in the morning found it was dead. It is thought it must have suffocated as the night was very cold and perhaps had been wrapped to close under the bedding. The remains were brot to Lovells cemetery Sunday for burial. This is a discouraging start for these new people and we all trust their bad lucks will cease at this. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Some of our towns people took a sleigh ride Saturday evening out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Duby. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. That are troubled with heartburn, indigestion, or constipation they will do you good.

Frederic News.

(To late for last week.)

Charles Craven went to Bay City with the rest of the supervisors, representing the different townships, as a booster for the Northwestern Development association. Lets all boost and make N. E. equal to any other part of the state.

Wm. Lang is visiting his father, Robert Lang and sister, Mrs. Albert Lewis and shaking hands with his old friends here.

C. A. Boyd was in town Monday. There must be some attraction. How about it Charles?

Joseph Charron of Maple Forest returned home from Southern and Western states last week. Joe is considered a traveler now a days. He looks good and says he feels good.

J. S. Kelley, of Walsh Mfg. Co., and wife returned from Detroit and Toledo, where they have been visiting the past two weeks.

Glad to see our January thaw. Came on the 29th; late, but welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young, pioneer residents, are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pratt and shaking hands with old friends. They expect to move back on their farm in the spring. They say Midland is a busy little city.

G. A. Wilbur, wife and children of Grayling are visiting their many friends and relatives here. He takes up his duties for R. Hanson & Sons Co. at Lansing in retail lumber business. Success to you Art.

Geo. Hunter is able to be out again after an illness of three days last week.

Highway Commissioner Fischer is trying to keep on top of the last snow storm by rolling same. He started toward Grayling Tuesday morning.

J. Smith has about 100,000 feet of logs on the bank near the mill. It looks good and helps to make labor.

The Walsh Mfg. Co. sold their team to a party in Cheboygan last week.

Thursday morning the thermometer registered 25 below zero. Reminds us of 1881 weather. 25 to 40 was considered good working weather, but 42 to 50, stay around camp fire.

Geo. Burke went to Roscommon Friday morning to unload a car load of Ford's. Look out the gas don't freeze George.

J. C. Karnes is at a hospital at Detroit. We hope for a quick recovery.

Ernest Barber Sundayed in Grayling.

Miss Salome Forbush visited her sister, Mrs. G. A. Wilbur at Grayling over Sunday.

While we want to all be peace makers. Murray for old "Glory." Lets all be Henry Ford's to our limit if it comes to war.

Coy News.

Howard Hollowell and his friend, Alfred Higgins returned to Detroit Thursday.

Miss Lena Asum of Roscommon was called to her sister's home, Mrs. Sophia McGillis, to be at the bedside of their father, who is seriously ill.

O. B. Scott and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Scott.

Miss Doris Nolan spent a few days with Miss Gladys Newton of Roscommon.

The wood-chuck came out and saw his shadow here at Coy and the way it looked it would take him six months to thaw out.

The Mothers' club met at Mrs. Geo. Pearall's and all reported a good time.

Mrs. E. Hollowell spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. McGillis.

Mrs. Alvin Scott is on the sick list.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 2 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

GUINEA PIGS or Cavies for sale in pairs or in dozen lots. Apply for particulars and prices. Enclose stamp. F. J. Spencer, 2884

WANTED—With customers—Leave orders at Trudeau's grocery store or phone No. 2 long. John Ronspies, 212

LOST—A locket with initials A. L. engraved on same, about two weeks ago. Finder please notify Andrew Larsen.

FOR RENT—Six room house with full basement. Nearly modern equipment. O. Palmer, Phone 55.

FOUND—Pocketbook containing money. May be had on proof of ownership. Avalanche office. 1-253

WANTED—Taxi driver, will pay highest prices. DuPont Co., Grayling.

WANTED—25 cords of maple black wood, green. Will pay highest market price. Inquire at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—Baby sleigh, in good condition. Cheap. Taken soon. Inquire at Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—A cheap and quick sale for house and lot. Inquire of Geo. H. Belanger. 1-18-11.

FOR SALE—Six room house, McEllen-St., fourth house south of hospital. Easy terms. J. M. Bunting, Phone 713.

How Old Will You Be At Fifty. Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Naxton's kidney tablets are best, 50¢ at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

The Maccabees

Net Assets, January 1, 1916....\$21,348,247.10
Benefits Paid.....88,026,600.00

Strong--Safe--Fraternal

YOUNG MEN You Do Not Have to Die to win

Plan F—Special Term Plan to 60

Pays benefits for loss of arm, eye or leg.
Pays one-half certificate for—
Total disability for loss of both eyes, arms or legs.
Total disability from accident or disease.
Gives free life membership in Maccabee Home and Relief Association.

Monthly Rates Per \$1,000

18 to 24.....\$.75	44.....\$1.25
25 to 29......80	45.....1.30
30 to 34......90	46.....1.35
35 to 37.....1.00	47.....1.40
38 to 40.....1.10	48.....1.45
41 to 43.....1.20	49.....1.50

For further information apply:

M. M. BRENNER, GEORGE S. LOVELACE, Great
Grayling, Mich. Commander, Port Huron, Mich.

Manistee & N. E. R. R.

Time Card

In effect Sept. 24, 1916.

Head Down.	Read Up.	P. M. P. M.
A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.
18.00 12.25	11.50 14.00	11.50 14.00
9.18 3.02	11.11 3.02	11.11 3.02
9.56 3.26	12.46 1.46	12.46 1.46
11.40 3.55	12.20 1.00	12.20 1.00
1.00 4.31	11.03 10.29	11.03 10.29
11.38 4.40	10.59 9.41	10.59 9.41
11.22 4.29	9.55 8.31	9.55 8.31
11.39 4.59	9.45 8.31	9.45 8.31
11.46 5.09	9.39 8.31	9.39 8.31
11.47 5.17	9.15 8.31	9.15 8.31

Head Down.	Read Up.	P. M. P. M.
A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.
17.25 13.00	11.20 16.40	11.20 16.40
8.11 3.47	10.34 5.52	10.34 5.52
8.35 4.15	10.10 5.30	10.10 5.30
8.43 4.22	9.55 5.19	9.55 5.19
9.23 4.53	9.23 4.53	9.23 4.53
9.31 5.01	9.14 4.43	9.14 4.43
9.53 5.05	8.57 4.27	8.57 4.27
9.59 5.21	8.51 4.16	8.51 4.16
10.15 5.35	8.35 4.00	8.35 4.00

† Daily, except Sunday.

• Local freight trains.

Notice of Strayed Cattle.

Notice is hereby given by John O. Palmer of the township of Frederic, county of Crawford and state of Michigan, that on the 27th day of November, 1916, six (6) cattle strayed upon my premises and were there found by me and are now in my care and possession at my residence in the said township of Frederic. Said cattle are described as follows:
1 black heifer with white tip on end of tail, about 15 months old, wearing small round bell fastened around neck with strap; 1 red and black steer, covered with warts, age about 15 months; 1 red and white heifer, age about 15 months; 1 black and white heifer, age about 15 months; 1 black and white heifer, age about 15 months; 1 black and white steer, age about 18 months. I dated at Frederic, Mich., this 6th day of December, 1916.
Signed—John O. Palmer.
1-11-16

Notice.

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.
Ancient Order of Gleaners.

vs.

Wm. A. Montgomery; Defendant.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery, made and entered on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1917, in the above entitled cause, the subscriber, a special Circuit Court Commissioner of the County of Crawford, appointed by the Court, will sell at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the Village of Grayling, in said County of Crawford, on the twenty-eighth day of April, A. D. 1917, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day all those certain lands and premises, situated and being in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The west half of southwest quarter of section fourteen and northeast quarter of section twenty-two, except sixty acres off of north side of same, and north and south quarters of northwest quarter and southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section fifteen, township twenty-five north of range four west.

OSCAR PALMER, Special Circuit Court Commissioner, January 27, 1917. 2-1-13.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

THE NEW \$100,000 WAYNE MINERAL BATH HOUSE

DETROIT (Third and Jefferson Aves.) MICH.

Completely equipped for giving every approved form of hydrotherapeutic treatment for Rheumatism, Blood Disorders, Nervous Troubles, Dyspepsia, Constipation, etc. The Sulfur-Saline water is not excelled in therapeutic value by any spring in America or Europe.

WAYNE HOTEL AND GARDENS

In connection—Delightfully located on river front, adjacent to C. N. Y. Co. Wharf. Coolest spot in Detroit. European plan, \$1.00 per day and up.

J. E. Hayes, Prop. E. H. Hayes, Asst. Mgr.

HUMPHREYS' Witch Hazel Oil

(COMPOUND)

For Piles or Hemorrhoids, External or Internal, Blind or Bleeding, Itching or Burning. One application brings relief. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00, at all druggists or mailed. Send Free Sample of Oil to

Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Company, 155 William Street, New York.

SICK ANIMALS

A BIG BOOK on diseases of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs and Poultry, mailed free. Humphreys' Veterinary Medicine, 155 William Street, New York.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Fred Esaman and Mary Esaman, his wife, of Wellington, Crawford County, Michigan, to Orlando E. Barnes, of Lansing, Michigan, dated the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1913, in Liber H of mortgage on page 190, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of One hundred eighty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, and an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of March, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at Public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, the place where the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford is held, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs together with an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to wit:

The Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section one (1) in township twenty-five (25) north of range four (4) west containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

ORLANDO E. BARNES, Mortgagor.

O. PALMER, Attorney for Mortgagor. Business address: Grayling, Mich. 12-7-13

to the Honorable Board of Supervisors of

Alcona County, Michigan.

Your petitioner, Consumers Power Company, a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Michigan, with its principal office in the City of Jackson, Michigan, respectfully petitions for leave and permission to construct a dam across the Au Sable River in Alcona County for the purpose, at the location, of the height and description as hereinafter set forth, to be sold to the public.

Purpose. The purpose of constructing said dam is to regulate, control and utilize the flow of said stream, according to the specifications of the Michigan Fish Commission.

Location. Alcona Dam on the Au Sable River. The intersection of the center line of said dam with the center line of the main channel is on or within the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), and the North Quarter (N 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Four (4) West, containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

Description. The dam will consist of a masonry portion, constructed of stone or concrete and stone, or partly of both, and connected with the banks by earth work embankments. The masonry portion will have spillways or waste gates having a cross-sectional area of at least four hundred eighty (480) square feet.

There will be constructed at such dam a standard chute according to the specifications of the Michigan Fish Commission.

There shall be constructed at such dam a chute to be at least six (6) feet in width and three (3) feet in depth, with side walls of stone or concrete, a sloping floor or apron, and provided with gate or gates to control the flow of water, and form entrance to and passage through said chute. It is also proposed to construct a sidewalk for passing small boats over and across said dam.

There shall be locks, chutes or aprons for the passage of boats, vessels, rafts, or timbers, other than those above mentioned, on or across said dam, and the location, height and width of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated at Jackson, Michigan, January 8, 1917. [Seal]

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY.

By Robt. Dwyer, Secretary.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: TAKE NOTICE that a petition to the Board of Supervisors of Alcona County, Michigan, in which the foregoing is a true copy, has been filed with the Clerk of the Board, to be presented to them at the Court House in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 13th, A. D. 1917, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, which is a special meeting of said Board, called for the purpose of acting upon said petition as well as other matters.

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY.

By Robt. Dwyer, Assistant Secretary.